

REMARKS

Interview Summary

An interview was conducted on March 3, 2010 between the Applicants' representative, Ashok Mannava, and Examiner Oyevisi. The amendments provided herein were discussed. Examiner Oyevisi agreed that these amendments place the application in condition for allowance, and requested that we formally file the amendments to be entered.

Amendment After Board Decision Should Be Entered

As agreed by the Examiner, this amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance. MPEP section 1214.07 states that if the amendment obviously places an application in condition for allowance, the Examiner should recommend entering the amendment in concurrence with the SPE. Since, it was agreed that this amendment clearly places the application in condition for allowance, the amendment must be entered.

Status of Claims

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 10-19 are pending in the present application of which claims 1, 5, 10, 13, and 18 are independent. Claims 3 and 4 are canceled herein and combined with claim 1. Claims 7-9 are canceled herein and combined with claim 5.

The Board reversed on claims 4, 9-11, and 13-17 of which claims 10 and 13 are independent.

Below is a summary indicating why each of the independent claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 1

By this amendment, dependent claim 4 (reversed by the Board) and intervening claim 3 are combined with claim 1, placing independent claim 1 and its dependent claims in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 5

By this amendment, dependent claim 9 (reversed by the Board) and intervening claims 7 and 8 are combined with claim 5, placing independent claim 5 and its dependent claims in condition for allowance.

Independent Claims 10 and 13

The Board reversed on independent claims 10 and 13. Accordingly, claims 10-17 are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 18

Independent 18 is similar to claim 1. Accordingly, claim 18 has been amended to include the new features of claim 1, and claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would assist in resolving any issues pertaining to the allowability of the above-identified application, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please grant any required extensions of time and charge any fees due in connection with this request to deposit account no. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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